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United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mentor Court
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 937 East California Boulevard not for publication N/A
city or town Pasadena vicinity N/A
state California code CA county Los Angeles code 037 zip code 91106

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 9/26/94
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature] 11/15/94

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

private

public-local

public-State

public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one Box)

building(s)

district

site

structure

object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
7	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Bungalow Courts in Pasadena

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: English Cottage Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1923

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Delux Building (Builder)

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

City of Pasadena -Urban Conservation Archives

Mentor Court
Name of Property

Los Angeles, California
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.32 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing	3	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	11	395780	3777640	4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

(Submit the following items with the completed form:)

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name/title _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

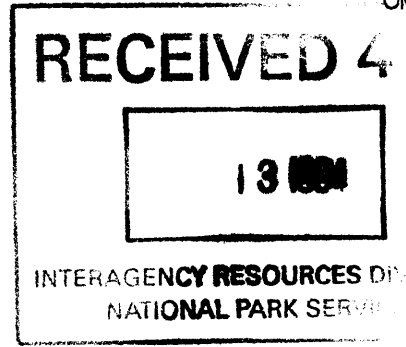
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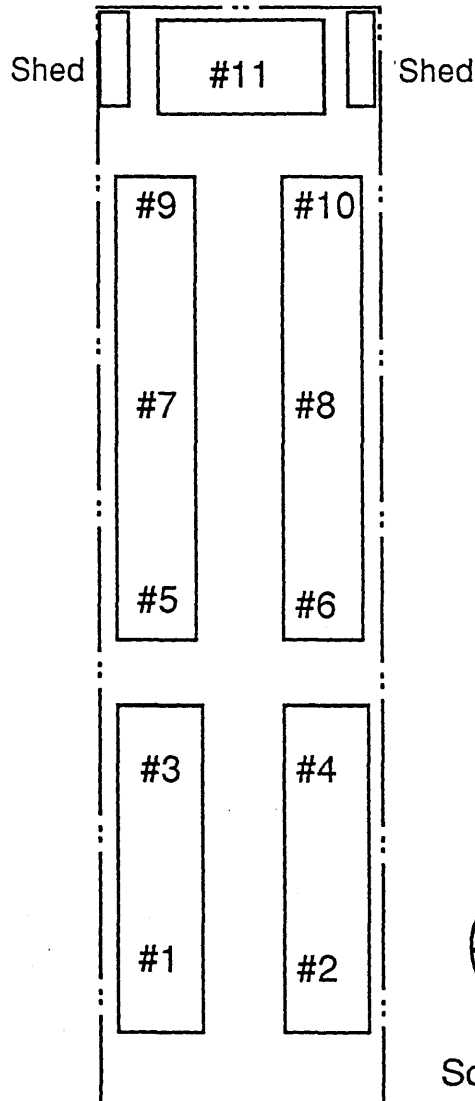
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East California Boulevard

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Mentor Court
Los Angeles County, California

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Mentor Court sites eleven housing units on a very narrow (60-foot wide) lot while successfully retaining an "English village" charm. There are two buildings which have three apartments each (14'-6" x 108'); two double unit buildings (14'-6" x 72'); and one single bungalow (14'-6" x 36'). The court is designed in a "U"-shaped configuration, around a central concrete walkway, with the single bungalow as the terminus. Two small 7' x 21' sheds, built at the same time as the residences, flank the single bungalow.

The dwellings are in the English Cottage Revival style. Each rectangular building shares the same construction materials and design elements. Concrete foundations, exterior plaster finish and composition roofing are used. Each entry door is covered by an eyebrow hood which is an extension of the main jerkinhead roof. A small concrete stoop with a wrought iron railing leads to the entrance of every unit. The wrought iron railings appear to be later additions. There are arched wood doors with four glass panels, and a wood paneled screen door. Three-light and six-light wood casement windows are typical, single and in pairs. Several of the windows have small hipped hoods directly above to provide shade and protect from the elements. The two sheds each have steeply pitched asphalt shingle gable roofs with exposed rafters, stucco walls and wood panel doors.

The rich landscaping lends a country atmosphere to the court. Ivy, shrubs, lawns, tall grasses and mature trees surround the cottage-like buildings. The unique character and the architectural integrity of Mentor Court has been well-preserved. Alterations, however, are present in the wrought iron railings, and the replacement of two wood casement windows in the single bungalow (Unit #11) with aluminum sliding windows.

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Los Angeles County, California

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mentor Court meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as one of the best examples of the bungalow court form in Pasadena. Mentor Court meets the registration requirements for its property type both in terms of representing the bungalow court form ideal, as an example of the attached narrow (enclosed) court form, and in terms of integrity. For a definition of characteristics, forms and significance of the bungalow court property type, please refer to the National Register Multiple Property Nomination.

Built in 1923 by the Delux Building company, Mentor Court is representative of the English Cottage Revival style of the 1920s. The materials, architectural elements and landscaping combine to create a design reminiscent of the English Arts and Crafts movement. Mentor Court is also notable as an example of single, duplex and triplex buildings combined in one court. This arrangement is rarely found in bungalow courts. Although there are alterations present in two windows and the wrought iron railings, they are not widespread enough to significantly lessen the integrity of the court.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

General reference works used for this and other buildings within the BUNGALOW COURTS IN PASADENA multiple property listing are listed in the multiple property form bibliography.

The following sources specific to this property are located at the Urban Conservation Archives, City of Pasadena:

Assessor's Building Description Blank #3626

City Directories

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Villa Tract, Lot 7.

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION
The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the bungalow court.

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Mentor Court

Los Angeles County, California

PHOTOGRAPHER: Barry Kyler, Thirtieth Street Architects, Inc.

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: March, 1993.

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVE: Urban Conservation Archives, City of Pasadena, Ca.

DESCRIPTION OF VIEWS:

1. Partial southeast elevation of Units #1 and #3 from California Blvd.
2. Partial west elevations of Units #4 and #6.
3. South elevation of end building (Unit #11).
4. South elevation of shed in northeast corner of site.
5. Southeast elevation of shed in northwest corner of site.